

# Columbia Trustees' Bloodstained

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PONTIUS PILATE washed his hands after sending Jesus to the cross. But I doubt if Columbia's leading trustees went to the bathroom after telling the cops to beat up black and white students. Their hands were bloodied in Vietnam already.

We'll begin with Grayson Kirk, the university president. Dr. Kirk sits on the boards of corporations with combined assets of \$15 billion. His companies' weapons are killing Vietnamese children. We'll give details below. And we ask, how can he deny that he is a Merchant of Death? And how can he double as a war profiteer and a general of learning?

Trustee William A. Burden, an important Wall Street financier, comes next. Mr. Burden is the national chairman of the Institute of Defense Analysis, that the students want off the campus. And many professors are against it as well.

## MR. BURDEN'S INSTITUTE

The Institute for Defense Analysis has nothing to do with scholarship. It uses the university's laboratories and its scientists to help the Pentagon and the war industries. This means helping Mr. Burden himself. His company—Lockheed Aircraft—makes war planes for Vietnam. His bank—Manufacturers Hanover Trust—finances the nuclear industry.

And the cops were fighting for Burden and other war profiteers when they slugged Columbia's students.

Such ugly facts are hidden by the capitalist press. Such news is "not fit to print" in the Daily News, the Post—or the Times, whose chairman, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, sits on Columbia's board of directors.

It's "not fit to print" because Columbia's trustees are too exclusive to touch. The trustees, collectively, represent about \$108 billion in Wall Street securities. The late C. Wright Mills, a Columbia professor, must have been thinking of them when he wrote "The Power Elite."

One trustee—Frederick Russell Kappel—represents \$80 billion of riches in several giant corporations. That's enough to rebuild black Harlem many times.

Mr. Kappel's biggest job is with America's biggest monopoly. That's the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. He is chairman and chief executive

officer of A.T.&T. and custodian of its \$37 billion assets.

This trustee not only collects our telephone dimes. He is in the Death business as well. His company assembled the atomic bomb that burned up Hiroshima and butchered its people. And he makes missiles for the killers in Vietnam.

Mr. Kappel is a symbol of Rockefeller billions. He also sits on the boards of Metropolitan Life (\$25 billion) and Chase Manhattan Bank (\$17 billion). These two giants—and A.T.&T.—are in the Rockefeller sphere.

Kappel is also a director of America's biggest food company—General Foods (\$1 billion)—and some lesser institutions.

Kappel has honorary doctorates from eight colleges and universities. But do not be misled. This trustee is all business. The one book to which his name is signed is called, "Vitality in a Business Enterprise." But this vitality does not extend into scholarly fields. I'm afraid he wouldn't know what the students were talking about if he dropped into the classroom of his poorest paid instructor. He fills his big chair on Morningside Heights as a spokesman of monopoly capital—and for no other reason.

Kirk, on the contrary, won his title the hard way. But scholarship suffers in competition with

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business. University duties must also give way. His schedule is now divided between Wall Street and Morningside Heights. And he may have been discussing war contracts with Allen Dulles, the ex-CIA Chief, and General Maxwell Taylor, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when the campus struggles began.

Dulles and General Taylor are leading members of the military industrial complex that Eisenhower warned against. Both sit with Grayson Kirk on the board of a big Wall Street investment

company—Dividend Shares.

Kirk's firm holds \$327,000,000 in securities in dozens of corporations. Most of these companies do business with the Pentagon. Some sell guns, others planes, oil and missiles. A number, like Union Carbide, make atomic fuel. And a block of 1,750,000 shares of Dow Chemical, is one of Kirk's portfolio items.

Dow has the napalm monopoly. Its evil product has burned many kids to death. Dow money is blood money. Dow recruiters were boycotted in a mass demonstration on Columbia's campus.

President Kirk is impartial in his services to the two Wall Street giants—Morgan and Rockefeller—that control his university. On some days he is seen driving to a meeting of the

board of directors of the International Business Machines, a \$5 billion Morgan company. On other days he sits with the directors of Mobile Oil, a \$6 billion Rockefeller institution.

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